

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4253
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INDICATION OF GRADE ON SOAPS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have issued any directive that grade of soaps are indicated on the label alongwith the total fatty matter and that the products conform to the standards laid down for the purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons thereto;
- (c) whether provisions are also made for legal action against soap manufacturers if they do not comply with the directions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Drugs Controller General (India) has requested the State Drugs Controllers of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, West Bengal and Delhi (where manufacturers of toilet soaps are located) to ensure that the grades along with the total fatty matter are indicated on the labels of toilet soaps by the manufacturers and the products conform to the standards laid down for the purpose. This has been done to protect the interest of consumers.

(c) & (d): The BIS specifications are mandatory under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and the manufacturers of toilet soaps are required to comply with these provisions. Violation of these specifications would attract penalties as provided under the rules.